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National Weather Service Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



March 2002 Time Local/ Path Length Path Number of Estimated Width Persons Damage IOWA, Northeast IAZ009>011-018-029>030 Howard - Winneshiek - Allamakee - Floyd - Fayette - Clayton Winter Storm A winter storm produced snow accumulations of 6 to 8 inches across northeast Iowa. The snow was accompanied by strong north winds of 15 to 25 mph, which caused blowing and drifting. IAZ008>010-018>019-029 Mitchell - Howard - Winneshiek - Floyd - Chickasaw - Fayette 0825CST Blizzard A deep low pressure moving across the northern Great Lakes produced west winds of 30 to 40 mph, with gusts of 50 mph. Although only an inch or less of new snow had fallen, the very strong winds caused whiteout conditions. Falling temperatures and visibilities of 1/4 mile or less caused several accidents and also forced the closure of some highways MINNESOTA, Southeast **MNZ095** Fillmore Winter Storm 1600CST A winter storm affected the southeast tip of Minnesota, producing snow accumulations around 6 inches. Strong north winds of 15 to 25 mph accompanied the snow, causing blowing and drifting. MNZ079-086 Wabasha - Dodge 1900CST Winter Storm 2300CST Freezing rain produced a glaze of ice, causing hazardous driving conditions. The freezing rain was also accompanied by thunder and lightning at times. MNZ079-086>088-Wabasha - Dodge - Olmsted - Winona - Mower - Fillmore - Houston 094>096 55K 09 0910CST 1600CST Blizzard As a deep low pressure moved into the northern Great Lakes, it produced west winds of 30 to 40 mph, with gusts around 50 mph. Even though only an inch or less of new snow had fallen, the very strong winds produced whiteout conditions, with visibility 1/4 mile or less. The poor visibility combined with falling temperatures caused numerous accidents, one of which resulted in a fatality near Byron (Olmsted County), when a vehicle rolled over. Some highways were closed due to the strong winds and icy roads, including a portion of Interstate 90 near Rochester. M10VE WISCONSIN, Southwest WIZ034-041>044-Jackson - La Crosse - Monroe - Juneau - Adams - Vernon - Crawford - Richland - Grant 053>055-061 1500CST 1600CST 0 Winter Storm A winter storm produced 6 to 10 inches of snow across southwest and central Wisconsin. Strong north winds of 15 to 25 mph accompanied the snow, causing blowing and drifting.

Freezing rain produced a 1/2 to 3/4 of an inch thick glaze of ice on roads and sidewalks. This caused hazardous driving and walking conditions.